

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 3, 2006. Claims 1 to 19 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 10 and 19 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on March 7, 2006. The undersigned also confirms receipt of the Examiner's Interview Summary (Form PTOL-413) forwarded with the communication dated March 17, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner confirmed the mailing date of the Office Action.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claim 1 to 18.

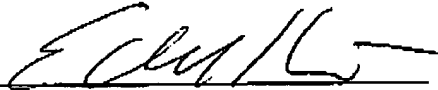
Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Amendments to Claim 19 are believed to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Claim 19 is believed to be allowable.

Turning to a formal matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office acknowledge receipt and consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 14, 2005. This is a third request.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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